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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to the Patent Office's waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) to submit a copy of U.S. patent documents, Applicants are not attaching copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08. Applicants are attaching a copy of the European patent that is listed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

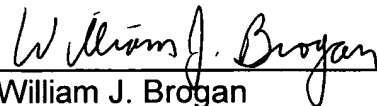
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